

CHINESE DOLLAR SLUMP

Shanghai, Feb. 5. Chinese currency, weakening steadily over the past few weeks, sagged to a new record low value today, with one United States dollar fetching as much as 9,200 Chinese dollars.

Prices in most cases rose correspondingly and possessors of United States currency enjoyed practically no advantage from the slump.

It takes about half an hour to count the equivalent of \$100 U.S. which makes the work of shroffs particularly onerous.

Despite an official ban against the practice, many firms quote prices in United States currency. Prices have appreciated steadily, even in terms of greenbacks and the average "key money" now for a second rate three-roomed apartment in Shanghai today is around \$2,000 U.S.—Associated Press.

SAI ON DISASTER

IT WAS DISCLOSED YES-TERDAY BY COMMANDER JOLLY, THE HARBOUR MAS-TER, THAT FOLLOWING THE DESPATCH OF THE REPORT BY THE MASTER OF THE "SAI ON" AS WELL AS HIS OWN RECOMMENDATIONS, TO GOVERNMENT, IT WAS DECIDED THAT AN INQUIRY INTO THE DISASTER WILL BE HELD SHORTLY.

Another badly charred body was recovered from the burnt-out steamer yesterday morning and removed to the Mortuary.

Mr. Wong Boon Yew, of the China Arts Association, has reported that 15 old Chinese books, four pieces of jade and one scroll, valued at \$2,000, were lost in the "Sai On" disaster.

THE JERUSALEM EXODUS
Sudden 'Notice To Quit' Order In Security Zone

Evacuees Flown Out To Cairo

Jerusalem, Feb. 5. Mayor Israel Tokah yesterday appealed to the British Government "in the name of truth and justice to save its good name and traditions" by reopening the frontiers to Palestine.

Speaking at a meeting of the Municipal Council, Mr. Rokah said: "Oppression will not save the country from the grave position it has reached. Only by justice, reopening of the frontiers and abrogation of the 'Black Paper' will it be possible to return the country to life and progress."

The Chief Justice, Sir William Fitzgerald, has rejected a petition to the Supreme Court for leave to appeal against rejection of the request for postponement of the hanging of Dov Gruner.

Meanwhile, the sun shone on evacuees at Sarafand and Haifa as they prepared to leave for England and bitter winter weather. Three hundred servicemen's wives at a protest meeting demanded "one good reason to justify our evacuation."

Some evacuees who inquired about accommodation in England were told they would "stay with relatives." Wives, who took over a soldier's hut, where the walls were plastered with photographs, read a scribbled sign: "Please leave us our pin-ups."

Eviction Orders

Eviction orders were served tonight on 700 Arabs and Jews—including U.S. correspondents—occupying dwellings within the British security zone.

They were instructed to leave by noon on Thursday to make way for the security troops, to be held available for any emergency and for "essential" British officers and civilians.

Moving vans were busy all

New Import Tax To Subsidise Exports

Nanking, Feb. 5. Premier T. V. Soong today announced the creation of a board for the development of China's export trade, and the grant of a subsidy to exporters by the method of doubling the Government price for foreign exchange surrendered to the Government by exporters—CN\$6,700 to US\$1, instead of the official rate of CN\$3,350.

Today's highest black market price, however, was CN\$9,500 to U.S.\$1.

Dr. Soong said the government subsidies to be paid according to the FOB value of all exports from China except Manchuria and Formosa where special currencies were said to be favourable to export, will be obtained from a fund to be created by a special 50 per cent ad valorem surcharge on all imports except capital goods under Schedule One of the temporary Import Regulations, such as machinery and prime necessities including rice, wheat, fertilisers and coal. This surcharge will be effective tomorrow.

The Board will be assisted by an advisory panel on which are five foreign members and 10 Chinese members, all experienced merchants.

The Board will appoint regional representatives in Shanghai, Tientsin, Tsingtao, Canton, Chungking and Mukden where they will be assisted by local advisory panels.

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PROLIFIC PAPPA

Copenhagen, Feb. 4. A 17-year-old German boy left Denmark for Germany yesterday on board a refugee ship. He left behind in the refugee camp 45 babies of whom he became the father during his stay there. His fellow refugees nicknamed him "Father Germany".—United Press.

Prewar Tickets Still Good

Return passage tickets issued by the P. & O. company before the war are still not out of date, Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., local agents, advised the "China Mail" yesterday afternoon.

The unused portion of return tickets issued before September 3, 1939, is again extended—until June 30, 1947—but no further extension will be made.

A further point is that the face value of such coupons (in other words, half the original return fare paid) may be credited to the single fare required by Civilian or Troop transport.

In the event of a refund of passage money being required, the amount of the refund will be the difference between the single and return fares at the time of issue and bedded tables.

Most of the civilians appeared to be having a good time but some women were indignant at being forced to leave their husbands. Jewish and Arab women alighted on the kerbs of Jerusalem, crying, as one 12-bus convoy loaded with women and children went by to the collection centres. Some threw flowers at the buses and some ran after them a little way.

Pamphlets were distributed through the crowd by the "Anti-Terror League", urging "anti-terrorist psychological warfare".

It was believed the Jewish authorities were responsible for the pamphlets, because no such League is known.—United Press.

Shuttle Service

Jerusalem, Feb. 5. More than 150 British civilians left Palestine today, taking off from Ajir airdrome in Royal Air Force planes for Egypt.

A dispatch from Cairo said the planes landed there shortly before noon and the occupants were taken to British homes in the suburbs.

A shuttle plane service is expected to evacuate at least 600 British women and children from the Holy Land trouble spot by nightfall. More than 1,000 others are awaiting their turn at the Sarafand and Haifa holding centres, where the Army has turned military cantonments into temporary points for civilians to leave the Government's security commitments.—Associated Press.

Einstein's New Theory

Jerusalem, Feb. 5. Dr. Albert Einstein, renowned scientist, has informed a friend here by letter that he believes that the Holy Land's Jews and Arabs must get together to solve Palestine's future.

Einstein, long a staunch supporter of the Zionist cause, rejected partition as solution of the troubles on the ground that it was "unreasonable and cannot create stable conditions." He contended that the British policy toward the Jews was "treacherous and not conforming to obligations."—Associated Press.

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Arctic Weather Returns

London, Feb. 5. Arctic weather returned to England today and again extensive power cuts left thousands of people without power and heat at breakfast time.

Twenty-three men, women and children held as hostages by Viet Nam in a camp at Hoabinh, near Hadong, have arrived here to rejoin their families.

They had had to walk two days through rice fields and along barricaded roads, and were exhausted but otherwise well when they arrived in the city.

The Belgian wife of a French barrister in Saigon, Madame Jacquemart, who was earlier released, said that there were 200 hostages in the camp when she left. Treatment was satisfactory except for a shortage of medicine and clothing and milk for babies.

Madame Louzier, Danish wife of a French industrialist in Hanoi was among the returned hostages and brought the children with her but left her husband behind in the camp.

International Red Cross delegates hope to visit the French women and children still held in the camp on February 8.—Reuter.

Saigon, Feb. 4. Mr. Tai Kouei-chen, Vice-Minister for Overseas Affairs of the Chinese Central Government has arrived in Saigon from Singapore.—Reuter.

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More than 27,000 of Pola's 30,000 inhabitants were registered for evacuation tonight as Italians continued to withdraw from territory to be ceded to Yugoslavia under terms of the peace treaty to be signed on February 10.

A total of 9,383 families were registered. Military Government authorities said they figured an average of three persons to a family but estimated that probably no more than 20,000 will have withdrawn by the time the treaty is signed.

Almost all of Pola's shops have closed. No vegetable stands were open. Only one dentist said he would remain and of the other merchants queried only one owner of a coffee shop and one operating a perfume store said they would stay in Pola.

There has been extensive agitation here during the past few days by pro-Yugoslav workers protesting against the removal of machinery from plants which are closing down but no violence occurred.

A month ago, a violent demonstration against removal of industrial equipment resulted in the deaths of three persons. Now, systematic removal of transportable equipment has been carried out since last July when the fate of Pola was finally sealed by the Big Four.

Ever since then the motor-ship "Pola" had been sailing to Trieste twice weekly with a full load of automobiles, bakery equipment, wine presses, sewing machines, flour mill machines and practically every thing else that could be dismantled.

On each trip it took about 100 refugees, some of whom made several trips with their property.

Small sailing vessels have been doing the same, but they carried equipment and refugees to Venice and Ancona.

Some refugees took their property to Trieste by train. Each day from 10 to 16 railcars have been engaged transporting their household furniture and personal belongings to Trieste.—Associated Press.

A test was then made of a private electric generating set, with a "Homelite Generator," and was regarded as highly successful.

A further meeting will be held shortly.

PLANE OVERDUE

New York, Feb. 5. The Coastguard reports a Navy DC3 plane en route from Boston to Norfolk, Virginia, is overdue and presumably down.

The number of passengers aboard is undetermined.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

A moderate anticyclone is stationary over Mongolia, China and the neighbouring seas. A trough of low pressure extends from E of the Kuriles to the SE of the Bonins. Pressure is also low to the S of the Marianas.

Today's Forecast—Moderate, or fresh NE winds; partly cloudy, continuing.

Yesterday's Weather—

Maximum: 61.4 deg. Fah.

Minimum: 50.4 deg. Fah.

Sunshine: 8.7 hours.

Rainfall: Nil. Total since Jan. 1 0.7 mm.

Wind: against an average of 32.9 mm.

Reading at 10 a.m.: 4.4 p.m.

Humidity: 100% 100%.

De. Point: 19 49 deg. N.

Wind Direction: ENE ENE 8

Wind Force: 10 15 km.

BLIZZARD HITS MIDLANDS

London, Feb. 4. Four railway workers collapsed near Manchester today from the severe cold and one of them was reported seriously ill.

At Whitby, Yorkshire, a young real estate agent from London and his wife were feared lost in a snowstorm in which they disappeared late yesterday.

Snowdrifts 15 to 20 feet deep outside Sheffield paralyzed all food distribution and rail traffic. Coal supplies in many homes had become critically short.

Sub-freezing weather forced the abandonment of all open cast mining in South Yorkshire.

While some areas are experiencing the worst blizzards in a generation, the sun was blazing down upon Penzance in the southwest, where primroses and snowdrops are in bloom.

Dozens of coal trucks between Yorkshire and the industrial Midlands are buried deep in the snow while their drivers have sought refuge in neighbouring villages.

Great Blizzard

A great blizzard sweeping across parts of the Midlands and North isolated whole districts, blocked roads and railways, cut Manchester off from Sheffield and enveloped 78 women and children in three buses on the Yorkshire coast.

Frantic efforts to reach them throughout the morning were made and when they were reached soon after mid-day the women and children were taken to Newbould, on the coast, for hot drinks.

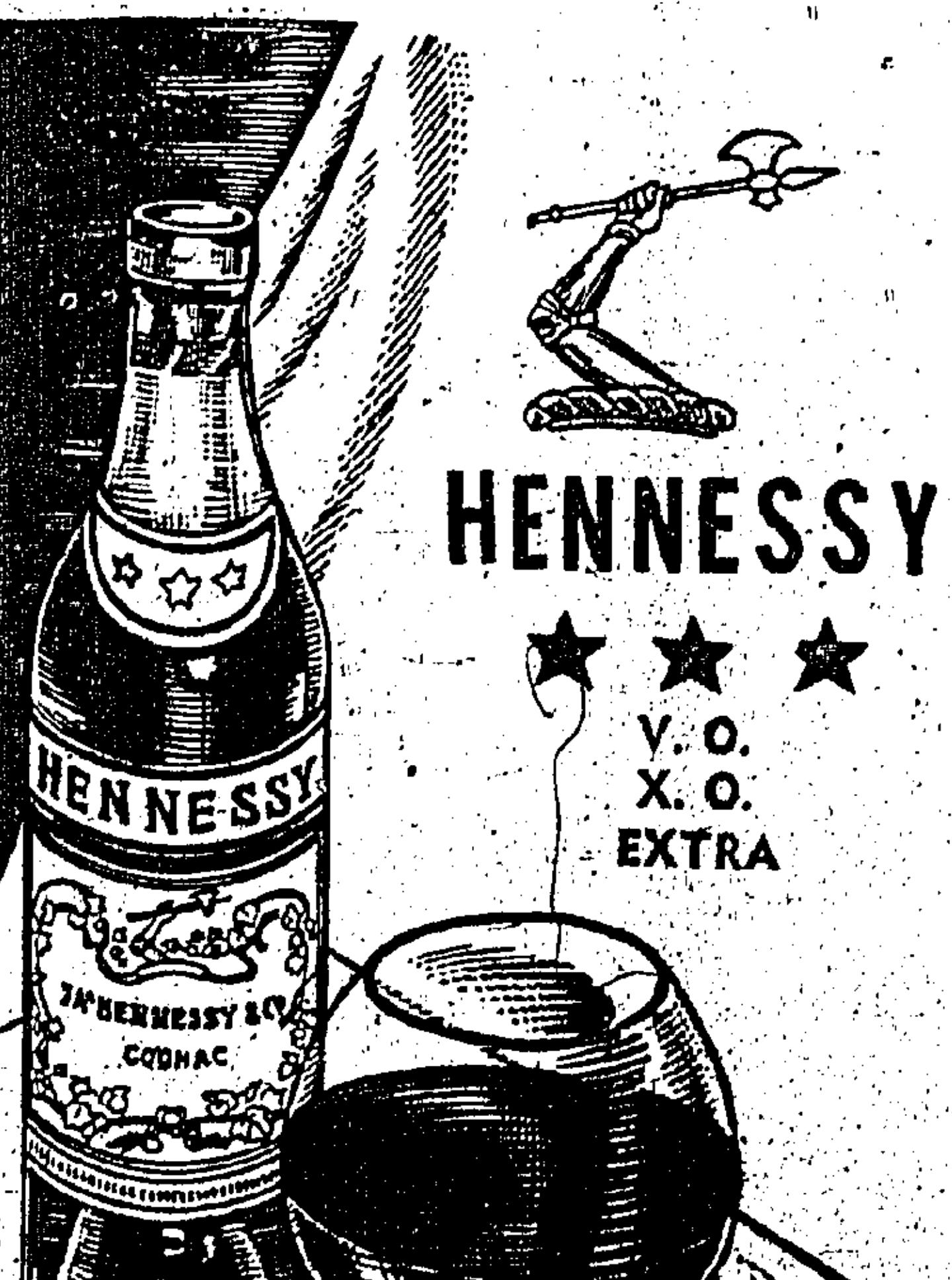
The buses' passengers were without food for over 12 hours after leaving Leeds, from a pantomime for their Hull homes.

Many areas, including Derbyshire, Peak villages experienced the worst weather for many years and drifts were piling up to 15 feet.

Nonstop Storm

All goods and many passengers in Derbyshire were killed and, therefore, the long time required for a ground team to reach the scene does not make much difference.—United Press.

YORK HAS BEEN SNOW BLOCKED IN BOTH DIRECTIONS SINCE EARLY MORNING BETWEEN STAMFORD AND GRANTHAM.—United Press and Reuter.



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BORDER VILLAGE SHOOTING

A gun battle between village guards and three armed robbers at Mong Tseng Village in the New Territories just inside the British border on Nov. 14, was recalled before Mr. Justice T.J. Gould at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, when Pun Yu-fuk and Chiu Sum-yin were arraigned on charges of shooting with intent of armed robbery and of possession of arms.

The pair pleaded not guilty to all the charges with the exception of that of possession of arms.

On Nov. 14, eight fishermen were aboard fishing boats around the oyster beds near Mong Tseng Village when a man approached them from the Chinese side of the border.

The fishermen rowed away but were fired on and chased ashore.

Four village guards engaged the three men in pursuit and there was shooting in which the intruders fired at the guards.

Eventually, the two accused surrendered to the guards, while the third man made good his escape.

Later, two of the fishermen recognised the accused as being the persons who robbed them of 20 catties of fish and three fishing nets on Oct. 28.

When searched, a pistol, a rifle and 20 rounds of ammunition and cartridge clips and magazines were found on them.

A new page in the history of the theatre has been written in Hong Kong. —A few enthusiasts who make up the Wah Yan College Stage Society have endeavoured, and not unsuccessfully, to produce a Chinese opera with dialogue and lyrics in English set to the Chinese musical scale.

As far as is known, this has never been attempted before. The first attempt on the Chinese classical opera, "The Spoiled Princess" is a commendable effort worthy of an appreciative public.

Where a suitable string of monosyllabic English words can be set to the Chinese musical scale, the result is pleasing to the ear and the Chinese music is a melodious accompaniment. The novelty is, indeed, arresting to the senses and invites some speculation as to what the experience that comes with continued experiment could produce.

A bouquet must be thrown at the author of the lyrics when they melt to a harmony that humanises Old Cathay. Where the words and music are at sixes and sevens, a comic touch is thrown in that makes for high comedy of a type appreciated by both the Chinese and Occidentals in the audience.

The costumes, loaned by one of the foremost Chinese actors of today, Mr. Ma See-tsang, are gorgeous and probably costly to the point of being "beyond the dreams of avarice." Mr. Ma, who is an important contributor to the success of the production, is a noted comedian of the Chinese stage, being popularly known in the contemporary Chinese theatrical world as the "Chinese Joe E. Brown."

The work of translation is an achievement of Father Terence Sheridan, S.J., who with Mr. Ma Ting-fong, is co-producer of the play. The latter gentleman takes the role of the Emperor. Others in the cast are Mr. Joseph Lam, Mr. Reggie Soo, Miss Kathleen Cheng and Mr. Charles Pau.

SEEKING A NEW HOME

When the Old City Hall is said, the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children will be deprived of one of its busy branches, where hundreds of mothers and children are provided with milk, other foods, medicines and other necessities.

The Society hopes to secure other premises consisting of two rooms in the congested Western Area.

Bus Co. And Season Tickets

"Monthly" tickets will not be issued until we have sufficient buses on the run to meet the increased traffic which this facility will undoubtedly bring in its train," said Mr. Louey, General Manager of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co. Ltd., in an interview yesterday with the "China Mail."

"At present we have only 32 buses and 56 lorries on the road and until we have another 50 or 60 vehicles on the run it will not be practical to issue 'monthly' tickets."

To do so now would only mean that the buses would be overburdened the whole day long as this facility is bound to encourage a number of people to go joy-riding or to get into a bus even if they are only going a short distance.

"This shortage of vehicles is also the reason we are not issuing special tickets for school children," continued Mr. Louey, adding, "and for our charging the full fare for members of the Police force and Post Office. Children under 12 and Servicemen in uniform are charged half fare."

Mr. Louey revealed that there are present 16 Bedford 30-passenger buses in service, with another nine in the workshop awaiting bodies. About 60 Tilling-Stevens 40-passenger buses have been ordered. Five are expected to arrive some time in March and the remainder in four or five months' time.

Referring to bootblacks and newsboys who often make a nuisance of themselves on board buses parked at the Star Ferry terminus, Mr. Louey said that conductors have instructions not to allow them on board the vehicles.

"We now have buses running on 13 routes; eight from the Star Ferry, four from Jordan Road ferry, and one from Un Long," concluded Mr. Louey.

READERS' LETTER

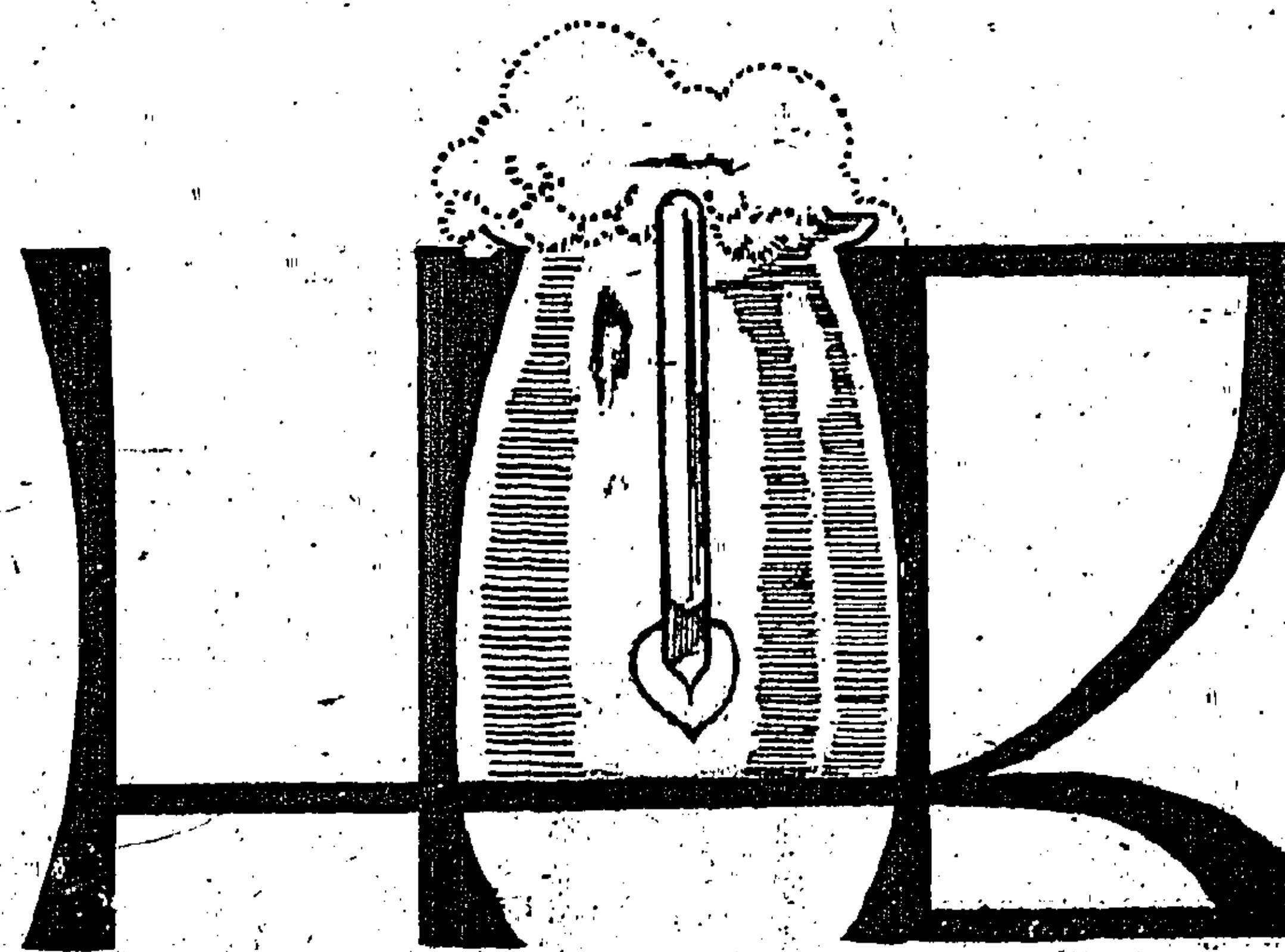
Racing Complaint

Sir.—In view of the huge amount of money involved in the pari-mutuels, is it in order for me to suggest that the Jockey Club engage and retain in their permanent staff a professional starter for the race meetings in Hong Kong?

We all saw some starts at the Annual Meeting; let's hope there will be an improvement this Saturday.

RACING FAN.

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF



We have great pleasure in announcing to our esteemed Customers and to the General Public of Hongkong that, due to lower costs of principal raw materials and the assistance given to us by the Hongkong Government (Supplies, Trade & Industry Department), a reduction in the price of H. B. BEER will become effective as from 1st February, 1947, and that the deposit charged on bottles has been abolished.

PRICES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

PER QUART BOTTLE \$1.70 (INCLUDING BOTTLE)
PER PINT BOTTLE \$.90 (INCLUDING BOTTLE)

CAN BE OBTAINED AT ALL WINE AND SPIRIT DEALERS.

NO DEPOSIT ON BOTTLES.

The Hongkong Brewery & Distillery, Ltd.

Dina House—Hongkong

Detective Sentenced In I. & E. Bribery Case

Remarking that he could not accede to defence counsel's request not to impose a gaol sentence on the accused, who had been found guilty of a very serious offence, which was far too common in the Colony, Mr. Justice E. H. Williams, Puisne Judge, sentenced Lance-Sergeant Lau Chi of the Hong Kong Police Force to 18 months' hard labour at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The jury retired for 20 minutes before finding Lau guilty of giving \$3,000 as a bribe to Inspector W. N. Darkin. They found him not guilty of giving another \$300 and of offering a bribe of \$100 to the Inspector.

Lau had been in the police force for over 20 years and was alleged to have offered the bribe to the Inspector with a view to influencing him in an inquiry into irregularities in the Imports and Exports Department.

Mr. A.J. Clifford, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, with Mr. F. W. Shafrazi, Director of the Special Branch, attending for the Police. Mr. Leo d'Almada, e Castro, instructed by Mr. Peter Sin, defended Lau.

In Accused's Favour

In a plea of mitigation, Mr. d'Almada pointed out that it was in accused's favour that Inspector Darkin had spoken of his good conduct and of his high admiration of accused in his work as an efficient detective.

It was quite believable, Mr. d'Almada submitted, that Yu and Lau should ask accused to be a money carrier and merely a carrier since they knew Lau was friendly with Inspector Darkin.

Taking into consideration the matters that were alleged to have taken place between Inspector Darkin and accused in Wan Chai in 1937-38, Mr. d'Almada contended that they could have perfectly failed to approach Inspector Darkin without beating about the bush. How could they know this if they had no previous dealings with the Inspector, Mr. d'Almada asked?

Mr. d'Almada submitted that Inspector Darkin's story was not to be believed and that Lau should be acquitted.

Corruption

Summing up, His Lordship urged the jury not to be influenced in their deliberations by the fact of public belief of corruption in the police, or that both Inspector Darkin and Lau were police officers.

The jury must not base their verdict on arguments about corruption but on the facts in evidence.

If they accepted accused's explanation of the explanation raised a reasonable doubt, Mr. Justice Williams said, the jury should acquit Lau.

He could not understand why accused should be frightened to report the alleged dishonesty of Inspector Darkin to senior officers as if he had brought this to light he would have been highly commended.

Mr. Justice Williams reminded the jury of Inspector Darkin's evidence that a police officer was entitled to free quarters and furniture and of accused's allegation that the Inspector had said he was worried over the buying of furniture upon the return of his family to Hong Kong.

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Dinner Party

Addressing the jury at the conclusion of the evidence, Mr. Clifford submitted that accused was not as innocent as he claimed regarding the purpose of the dinner party as he himself had admitted that he had knowledge of the inquiry into the two I. & E. clerks, Yu and To.

While admitting handing \$3,000 to Inspector Darkin, Mr. Clifford added, accused had denied that it was a bribe but claimed that he merely acted

Youth Gang's Raid On Kowloon Factory

Seldom has Mr. Blair-Kerr's Court seen such unkempt and dirty-looking Chinese youths as the seven alleged members of a gang, ages ranging between 15 and 20, who appeared before His Worship yesterday charged with the larceny of 43 cases of Compo Rations from the Hong Kong Food Products factory in Castle Peak Road, on Feb. 3, and possession of 31 cases of Compo Rations and 11 empty cases on a piece of waste land in Castle Peak Road on Feb. 4. With them appeared Fuk Choi, a street hawker, charged with the unlawful possession of 137 cases of Compo Rations and 72 empty tins in 375 Reclamation Street on Feb. 4.

DSI Roberts, prosecuting,

said that in December last, 18,000 cases of "Pacific 24-hour Rations," each containing 27 tins, were stored in the Hong Kong Food Products factory, and that owing to shortage of space some were stacked in the backyard.

At 6.30 a.m. on Feb. 4, Cheung Po-Fun, factory manager, discovered the loss of 43 cases. On his way to the Police Station, complainant met Wai Fai who was carrying a sack, the contents of which resembled the tins. Wai Fai was stopped and it was discovered that the sack did contain tins of rations.

Wai brought a Chinese detective to Castle Peak Road where Wong Shing, Wong Cho and a youth were found carrying similar sacks. These were found to contain 48 and 42 tins respectively, while Wong Cho's sack was empty. At the Police Station the arrested youths told the Police that the rest of the stolen property was in a cave off Castle Peak Road.

Today's price of the Shanghai Paper

Price Soars

Shanghai, Feb. 5.

An emergency meeting of the Shanghai Publishers Guild was called this afternoon to discuss the critical newsprint situation resulting from the recently imposed Government restrictions on newsprint imports, which sent newsprint

prices soaring.

Today's price compares with CN\$270 per pound two months ago and CN\$750 per pound one month ago. —United Press.

Bid For Better Relations

Capetown, Feb. 5.

The Prime Minister, F. Marshall Jan Smuts, announced when he met a delegation of the Natal Municipal Association to discuss the Indian question, that the Government had decided to appoint an Indian Advisory Board to advise the Government on all matters relating to the welfare of the Indian Community.

General Smuts said that the Government particularly desired the cooperation and advice of the Indian community in the work of the Board and that the Indian community would accept the responsibility of membership.

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His Lordship, declared that the council would not resist modifications found necessary by the regional committee.

Arthur Drakesford, Australian Minister for Air and Civil Aviation, told the opening session that Australia was in favour of the airlines being internationally owned and operated. —Associated Press.

U.S. ADMIRAL'S FUNERAL

Washington, Feb. 5.

Extension of Presidential powers to allocate scarce foods is essential if the United States is to continue co-operation in sharing the world's critically short supply of rice. Agriculture Department officials declared today.

Simple funeral services will be held at nearby Fort Meyer chapel and the flag-draped casket then will be conducted by a guard of honour to the cemetery.

High Army and Navy officers will be present to pay their last respects. —United Press.

Miami, Florida, Feb. 5.

The American Federation of Labour Executive Council announced today that it was "unanimously opposed" to military committees to study mediation after Dr. Edward Warner, President of the Civil Aviation

Sydney, Feb. 5.

The caucus of the New South Wales Labour Party today elected Mr. James McGirr, Minister for Housing, as Premier of New South Wales, in succession to Mr. William John McNeil, whose appointment as Governor-General of Australia was announced last week. —Reuter.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals—Miss D. Newell, Miss Louise Darling, Mrs. M. E. Barrett, Mrs. Wilma Fairbank, Mr. G. G. Davis.

Peninsula Hotel departures—A. G. Gardner, K. L. Goodwin, F. W. Waterfield and J. C. Kirby.

A fine of \$250 was imposed on Lai Young-nui, 18, Yee Wo Street, first floor, by Mr. Salmon, at Central yesterday when he appeared on a summons of not affixing a declaration of the amount payable to the landlord by her and with her serving a notice specifying the amount of rent to be paid.

Alhambra Theatre Robbery

Found guilty of receiving stolen property, Hung Chat, represented by Mr. Y. K. Kan, was fined \$250 by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, and Sin Chang, charged with Hung, and with three previous convictions, was sentenced to three months hard labour without the option of a fine.

According to D. Dowman, prosecuting, a report was made by the house manager of the Alhambra Theatre that some time between midnight on Jan. 20 and 9 a.m. Jan. 21 some one broke into the theatre and stole three fire extinguishers and four canvas fire houses. Inquiries made by a Chinese detective led him on Jan. 26 to 163 Reclamation Street, ground floor, where Hung, on being questioned, admitted having bought the articles for \$100.

First accused, continued D. Dowman, led the detective to 21 Fuk Wing Street, second floor, where two extinguishers and the four houses were found. Hung said that the other extinguisher had been sold to a shop at 224 Latiniuk Road for \$40.

On Jan. 27, Hung took the Chinese detective to Temple Street South and there pointed out Sin, who was attending a cooked-food stall. Second defendant frankly admitted having introduced the thief of the time to a hawker in Shanghai Street.

Practically all the stolen property has been recovered and the \$45.40 found on Wong Cho will about cover the cost of the missing tins.

One of the youths, bound over on Dec. 10 last on a charge of larceny, was sentenced to 10 strokes of the cane and two years in the reformatory, while another 15-year-old boy was sent to the Boys' and Girls' Club until his parents could be found. A 17-year-old defendant was awarded 10 strokes of the cane for his part in the affair.

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The closing addresses by Prosecuting and Defending Counsel in the War

Indonesian Agreement Probable

Batavia, Feb. 5. Authoritative Indonesian Republican circles stated today that the agreement with the Netherlands Government for the creation of a United States of Indonesia would be signed soon after the return of the Indonesian delegation from the Republican capital of Jogjakarta at the end of this week.

It was earlier reported that Indonesian delegation had left Batavia for Jogjakarta after disagreement and without signing the agreement.

The Indonesians had no objection to the declarations by the Dutch Government in November and December last year concerning the interpretation of the Cheribon agreement, if these were regarded as instructions to the Com-

PLAYBOY SENT TO GAOL FOR A MONTH

SIAMESE TWINS

Johannesburg, Feb. 4. Siamese twins were born in an ambulance to a coloured woman near Dunnottar, East Rand, on Friday and died over the weekend. It was reported today.

The twins were joined from the top of the chest-bone to the navel, but were otherwise normal.—Reuters.

mission.

They warned, however, that difficulties could arise if the statements were incorporated in the minutes of the Cheribon meetings.—Reuters.

QUEEN MARY

London, Feb. 5. Queen Mary was still confined to her rooms at Marlborough House today but a brief announcement said the chill from which she had been suffering was not worse.—United Press.

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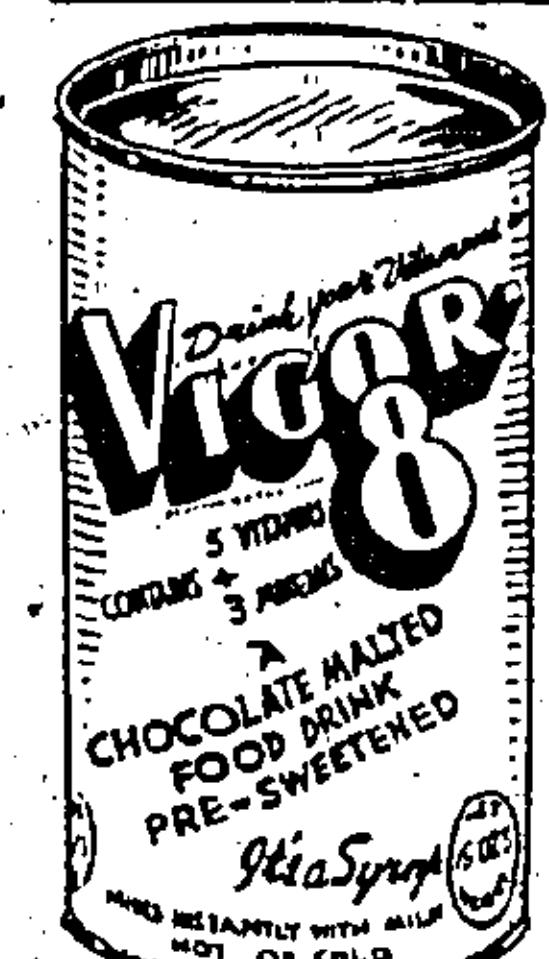
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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



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BY EDGAR MARTIN



VANGUARD THROUGH THE GALE

Vampire Suspect Held

Rueil (France) Feb. 5.

The police announced today that they are holding a possible suspect in the widespread search for the "Vampire of Rueil" who has terrorised the feminine population of this Paris suburb for the past two months.

The "Vampire," who leaps upon women at night with maniacal fury, chewing and mauling their bodies in addition to raping them, has claimed three known victims, and a number of other women in the area have reported having been chased.

The police decline to reveal the name of the suspect but say he is an amateur boxer showing signs of mental derangement. He denies any knowledge of the attacks.—United Press.

in making an example of anyone I believe in deciding each case on its own merits."

Continuing, DSI Timms said that accused's father is in San Francisco and that his mother is in cash in Nathan Road, near Dundas Street, and that the culprit ran down scavenging lane.

He was asked to report to the Yauma Police Station, which he did.

Although his story sounded somewhat fishy, said DSI Timms

he still had in his possession a fountain pen, wrist watch and \$50 in cash. DSI Timms and a Chinese detective accompanied him to the scene of the alleged robbery. They worked on the case until 2 o'clock the next morning.

When Li called at Yauma Police Station again the following day, he made a statement which contradicted the one he made on the previous evening. Instead of claiming to have been the victim of an armed robbery, Li now said his pocket was picked on a bus.

Helped Himself

In his first report to the Police, continued DSI Timms, Li said that on Jan. 26 he was given HK\$3,000 by his mother to come to Hong Kong to study. He did not think that was enough, so helped himself to another HK\$1,500 and went to Canton, where he stayed at the White House Hotel. The \$3,000 was stolen from him in that hotel on Jan. 30 he claimed. He came by train to Hong Kong the same day with \$4,500. He took Room 212 in the Tai Kwan Boarding House, and the following day was introduced to a 17-year-old prostitute. This girl, he said, cost him \$30 daily, and he had only \$65 left on the morning of Feb. 2.

"I left \$80 in my suit case," continued Li, "in his statement, and went out with \$600 in my trousers back pocket and got on a bus at Nathan Road and Shantun Street for the Star Ferry. During the ride on the bus my pocket was picked of \$600, consisting of \$100 and two \$50 and ten Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank notes."

When he went back to the boarding house he said nothing about this. The following morning, the prostitute asked him for some more money for her mother, and he told her, that he would give her some when he obtained more money from an imaginary Mr. Ma. He went over to Hong Kong at noon and, on his return about 5.30 p.m., told the girl that he had his pockets picked and so lost the money which "Mr. Ma" gave him. When he could not get Mong Kok Police Station on the telephone, he went down there in person and made his report.

No "Examples"

There have been too many cases of false reports of highway robbery to the Police, said DSI Timms, and he had been instructed to request His Worship to make an example of the defendant, and that this case should be brought to the knowledge of the public.

Mr. Latimer: "I do not believe

LEAVING JAPAN

Tokyo, Feb. 5. Mr. Attie's representative in Japan, Lieutenant General C. H. Gairdner, is leaving by plane for India today.

General Gairdner will stay as the guest of the Viceroy in New Delhi and will leave for London on February 17 to report on his mission to Japan.—United Press.

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officers dined with the Royal

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The King appeared remarkably fit and when he talked to officers on the

deck side where cane chairs had

been placed for the Royal party.

The King was much amused

watching the rifle shooting com-

petition between the Navy and

civilians, who included the King's

and Queen's detectives.

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strip of the first storm-torn Royal

Standard as a souvenir. The third

Standard was hoisted as the

second was also torn to shreds by

the wind.

Ratiffs have been ordered to

wear "Number eight"—an open

neck blue shirt and light trousers

today.—Reuters.

NEW FOSSILS

Oxford, Feb. 5.

The "common ancestry" of man and "anthropoid apes" has been pushed back millions of years by new fossil discoveries in a cave at Sterkfontein, in South Africa. Professor Legros Clark, famous authority on anatomy, said today.

From bits of a skeleton which he was summoned to examine, he has constructed a picture of "Australopithecus" — a human being who walked erect more than 1,000,000 years ago.

"Our findings indicate," Prof. Clark said, "that man and apes began to diverge from their common ancestor from 10,000-20,000,000 years ago—millions of years beyond our previous estimates."—United Press.

NO WAITING

London, Feb. 5.

Bernard Plachet, 51 year old former S.S. general, was sentenced to death today and hanged this afternoon for having caused the death of nine Czech students, the Prague radio reported tonight.—Reuters.

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Monday's abandonment, for all practical purposes, of the London Palestine Conference compels the Cabinet to face a situation that has been apparent to the most casual observer for a considerable time past. The Conference has served no more valuable purpose than to demonstrate that the Arabs are obdurate in hostility to any plan of partition for Palestine, and that the compromise plan offered by them would be opposed with equal bitterness by the Jews. Mr. Bevin assured the Arab delegation that no final decision has been taken by the Cabinet in favour of partition, but he also indicated that His Majesty's Ministers have reached a stage in their study of all the factors involved which will permit them to decide their own solution of the problem within two days, with every intention of applying it. Orders for the evacuation of women and children and non-essential British residents of Palestine confirm this impression. The military authorities are plainly preparing for developments not far removed from a state of siege for an upheaval much more serious in its potentialities than could conceivably arise from an isolated event such as the carrying out of the death sentence on the terrorist Gruner. If, as Mr. Bevin insists, the Cabinet is not irrevocably committed to the partition plan, Britain's leaders have obviously been discussing an alternative scheme equally likely to cause an immediate conflagration, whatever may be its final consequences. A situation which has aptly been described as "harrowed by crimes of violence" will, however, permit of no retreat at this stage. It is, indeed, a fair assumption that the Government's declaration of policy has only been delayed so far beyond the stage when all hopes of a freely acceptable solution had been eliminated because of a natural concern for those exposed to danger and strain in Palestine. The immediate danger to our forces, military and police, is not likely to be decreased by any imposed policy, hence the abnormal precautionary measures initiated last week. A partition scheme will involve large forces and large risks, and that is not to say that any other plan will automatically involve lesser forces or lesser risks. With partition there would at least be some prospects some day of the risks being ended; and at least they would have the merit of being run for a known and clear purpose which might gradually win adherents both inside and outside Palestine. There might also be a chance of real cooperation against the terrorists. Despite the sharp protest of the leaders of the Jewish Agency against the implication of the term "partition" in the latest statement placed before them, the fact remains that cooperation hitherto has been confined to words and exhortations—generally futile in dealing with fanatics. The general attitude of the Jewish leaders does, however, provide indication that some form of partition would neither be impracticable, at the present nor hopeless for the future. In the long run terrorism can only be drained of its vital force if a solution be adopted to which others than terrorists can be reconciled. There never has been sound reason to be found by agreement between Arabs and Jews; but the British Government may be able to impose one which would in fact lessen, or even eliminate, both Arab fears of Jewish encroachments, and Jewish fears that their people will be granted no sort of a home or a haven.

Ivor Gorenko, a former cipher clerk at the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa claims in an article published here that samples of Uranium 233 and Uranium 235, specially prepared forms of uranium which is one of the basic elements of making atom bombs, were carried from Ottawa to Moscow in the diplomatic bag of the Soviet Embassy. The disclosures made by Gorenko 18 months ago led to the Canadian spy trials in which 15 persons appeared before the Canadian courts on charges of communicating information to Russia.

In an article published in February's issue of the American magazine "Cosmopolitan," he claims to tell the story of Russian efforts to obtain the secrets of the atom bomb. He had learned, he said, that Moscow had detailed reports on the atom bomb months before the world at large heard of it—Reuter.

Behind The Scenes In Organising Philately

The first postage stamp was issued in Great Britain on May 1840, and in spite of the obvious advantages of the pre-payment of postage there were very few other states which followed this example before 1850, after which most countries in the world adopted it with enthusiasm. But it was not until 1862, when the first catalogues and journals devoted to the hobby began to appear, that there was any organised effort to collect or classify

stamps. Then little groups of enthusiasts met together to exchange information on the subject and to show each other what had come in from abroad, and in 1869 such a group in London formed themselves into a society, which they then designated as the London Philatelic Society.

For many years they used to meet by invitation at each other's homes or offices, but gradually, as the Society grew, they required a home and a meeting place. The original minutes of their meetings had to be published in "rade" or other journals, but in 1892 they

rarities of early philatelic literature which are more of bibliophilic interest than reference value. They have a very large reference collection specialised in certain countries where past Fellows and members have left them their accumulations in their wills, and they have probably the most important collection in the world of photographs of reference value.

Unrivalled Records
The collection of photographs has been gathered in a way which is envied by collectors of other precious things. Fifty one years ago the Society formed an Expert Committee to assist their members, and any member, and any outside can submit stamps for opinion to the Society's Expert Committee. As stamps can so easily be sent through the post, collectors almost invariably send rare specimens to the expert Committee for inspection, and the result is that practically no piece of philatelic importance is submitted for sale unless it has been submitted to scrutiny by the Committee, or is later sent to them for verification. The stamps are photographed and duplicated on the certificate itself and in the record files of the Society, and as the Committee have dealt with over 30,000 of the rarest stamps up to the present time it will be appreciated that their reference material is unrivalled in the world.

By A PAST PRESIDENT

established their own monthly journal, which has continued until the present day. In 1890 His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, second son of Queen Victoria, became President. In 1893 the Duke of York, later King George V, became Vice-President, and in 1896 he acceded to the Presidency of the Society. The Royal connection with the Society was established in 1890 and has continued up to the present time. No reigning King of Britain can be President of any society but on King George V's accession in 1910, he became the Patron of the Society, and King Edward VII and King George VI succeeded him in this position.

Royal Interest
King George V, before his accession, was an extremely active Vice-President and President. He lent portions of his collections for display at meetings and exhibitions. He read papers before the Society and presided at their meetings on occasions, and after his accession he invariably lent one of his collections for the opening meeting in each philatelic season, which last from October till May, a practice which has been followed by his son King George VI.

In 1904 King Edward VII established the Society, London, as a Royal Society, and it is now the Royal Philatelic Society, London, a rather awkward title, but necessary to distinguish it from other societies with the same initials. Thus the Fellows of the Society put F.R.P.S.L. after their names. The members—and there are between 200 and 300 members—and the Fellows, who are limited to the first 400 in the list, are all strictly amateurs and the Articles provide that none but amateurs can be elected.

Original Objects
The original objects of the Society are somewhat different from those of the present day, though some of them are retained. Looking at the original aims we find the phrases "To collect all possible information respecting stamps; the prevention of forgeries; the facilitating and spreading of the knowledge of philately; and the facilitating of the acquisition and exchange of stamps among members." The first three are retained. The Society has no exchange club, and the new issue services of the present time make it unnecessary for the Society to have agents in foreign countries to send them stamps.

But they have gone a long way towards collecting all possible information respecting stamps. They have a library which today includes many thousands of volumes—everything in fact, of reference value published in any part of the world and in any language, as well as the extreme

apparent misfit, and that was so two with the less of two trump tricks and one each in the other suits plus a ruff of a club.

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Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.

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D. 4 C. A 10 7 6 W. E. D. K Q 9

C. 3 2 S. 7 6 2

S. Q 2 H. A K Q 8 3 2

D. 5 3 C. K 4 3

C. 4 3

S. K Q 10 6 4 N. S. 9 8 5

H. A 3 2 W. E. U. 3

D. Q 6 C. S. C. K Q 8 7

C. 3 2 C. 9 4

S. A J 7 4 H. None

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CARNIVAL



"I'm sorry I can't tell you anything about my grades Pop—it's a military secret!"

Jet-Propelled Water Record Bid

London, Feb. 5.

Sixty-one-year-old Sir Malcolm Campbell, who paid a ten shilling fine on Monday for speeding on land, predicted yesterday that he can break his world record on water if he can keep his jet-propelled "Bluebird" from taking off and flying.

The aquatic speed King, who set the present mark of 141.7 mile an hour in 1939 using a Rolls-Royce engine in his "Bluebird," told a press conference that the revamped motorboat might become airborne at top throttled.

Sir Malcolm added that he had no intention of using the propeller. The loss of efficiency up to 30 per cent.

"The 'Bluebird' is only a beginning, because it is the first time a jet-engine has ever been fitted to a boat," he added.

His craft, powered by a De Havilland "Goblin" gas-turbine engine of nearly 7,000 horsepower, is 27 feet two inches long, with a beam of 10 feet 10 inches. The jet is similar to that used in the Royal Air Force's "Vampire" fighter plane.

Sir Malcolm said he conceived the idea of trying jets in the "Bluebird" about two years ago when they proved practical in fighter planes.

Inefficient Screws
"My feeling for many years," he said, "has been that there should be some better method of propelling a ship than by

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

MISFITS DEFY PROPHETS

It is all well and good for some experienced player to tell a less hardened campaigner exactly what he should do in certain situations. But when he gets to the point of the original aims of the Society, there are difficulties.

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Communist Arrested In U.S.

New York, Feb. 5.
Gerhard Eisler, who last October was described by an ex-Communist leader as director of the Kremlin's activity in the United States, has been arrested at his home on charges of violating the enemy alliance act and taken to Ellis Island for possible deportation.

Eisler planned to leave for Berlin on October 18, last year on a Russian ship but his exit permit was cancelled without explanation by the State Department after he was denounced as No. 1 Soviet agent in the country—Associated Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS
FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING

Saturday, 8th February 1947.

The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through numbers 18, Races \$16, may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Sweep (\$2.00) on the last race.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

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The Treasurers' Comptrollers Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.30 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$5 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

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Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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Mr. Churchill Cross-Examines Mr. Dalton
Britain's Debt To Her FriendsMIGRATION
DOWN UNDER

Camberwell, Feb. 5.
J. B. Chifley, the Australian Prime Minister, told a press conference yesterday that he had made direct approaches to the British Prime Minister on means for bringing more British migrants to Australia.

These communications, he said, were being followed up in London by J. A. Beddoe, the Resident Minister there. The main problem to be overcome was the shipping shortage.—Associated Press.

CRADLE TO
ALTAR SEX
EDUCATION

Blackpool, Feb. 4.

Kindergarten children will begin learning the facts of life with their Bible and fairy stories, according to a plan announced today by the Blackpool Education authority.

The plan, which sets up an almost cradle-to-altar programme of education, will end in the senior year when the students will finally be taught the correct biological terms.

The plan specifically provides for elementary facts on sex to be introduced in scripture talks and fairy stories to "infant school" youngsters.

Meanwhile, in London, Dr. Edward F. Griffith, consultant of the Marriage Guidance Council, recommended that engaged couples go to the Marriage Guidance Centre two months before the wedding "to allow plenty of time for the correction of any minor conditions."

Dr. Griffith explained that a "broken engagement is better than a broken marriage."

In a six-page survey on pre-marital sex education, he said that good homes where sex is never mentioned are as bad or worse than those in which sex is loosely discussed.—United Press.

Moscow Radio Takes
A Dim View

London, Feb. 4.
Moscow Radio quoted a "New Times" article today on Anglo-American military cooperation which said: "One can only assume that the combined staffs are working out plans for future operations."

The article by Gen. G. Iokhifanov said that military long range plans for Anglo-American cooperation. The cooperation between Britain and the United States was "unusual in the history of international relations" since relations such as those between Britain and France were simply those of necessity.

"In 1942, Britain and the Soviet Union signed a treaty of alliance, collaboration and mutual assistance after the war," the "New Times" said, "but in the first two years of the war military cooperation was confined to the delivery of arms and supplies."

The "New Times" reviewed British and American wartime military cooperation which, it said, was exceptionally close and added: "There is talk of

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London, Feb. 5.

Winston Churchill, referring to India's sterling balances in the House of Commons today, asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer: "Is it now a fact that the Governor-General of India in the time of the late Government was notified that Great Britain reserved her full right to present a counter-claim on account of the effective defence of India by all means—land, sea, air and diplomacy—by which the freedom of India from foreign invasion was secured?"

The Chancellor, Mr. Hugh Dalton, replied: "I cannot charge my memory but he was Prime Minister and if he says such a message was sent I would not for a moment challenge it. That is a fact of history."

Churchill: "Is that point going to be made? How could we accept the great concessions made on lend-lease, by the United States and yet divert large proportions of our remaining assets to payment of an exactly similar war debt to the Indian Government?"

Dalton: "I would prefer to wait until preliminary discussions have advanced."

Churchill: "Will he bear it in mind?"

Dalton: "Yes".

This exchange between Churchill and Dalton followed a question by Colonel Crosthwaite-Eyre (Cons.) who asked what countries negotiations were not proceeding relative to the liquidation of blocked sterling balances.

Dalton said preliminary discussions were taking place with India to be followed by similar discussions with Egypt and Iraq.

No "Finalisation"

Walter Fletcher (Cons.) asked: "In view of the crushing amount of Indian sterling balances and special circumstances attached to them, will Mr. Dalton give an assurance that no arrangements will be finalised until they are presented to the House?"

Dalton said the discussions had just begun and any conclusion reached which was satisfactory to the Government would certainly be notified to the House."

House of Lords

Another reference to India's sterling balances was made during a debate on the Exchange Control Bill in the House of Lords, where Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary of

POLISH AMBASSADOR
IS REBUKED

Washington, Feb. 4.

President Truman, in accepting the credentials of Dr. Josef Winiewicz, new Polish Ambassador to the United States, today declared that the Polish Provisional Government had failed to fulfil its pledge to hold free elections.

"It is a cause of deep concern to me and to the American people that the Polish Provisional Government has failed to fulfil that pledge," the President said. The charge was made by the President in his reply to a formal statement by the Ambassador.

This reply, unusually brief, said, "I can assure you that the American people have followed with the greatest interest the efforts of the Polish people to meet the urgent task of reconstruction and to establish their national life."

The Government of the United States gave expression to this interest in the Polish people when it joined with the British and Soviet Governments in important decisions concerning Poland that were taken at Yalta and Potsdam".

The President continued: "The Government of the United States has not lost interest in the welfare of the Polish people. It is with this in mind that I offer to you the cooperation of the officials of this Government."

New Neighbours

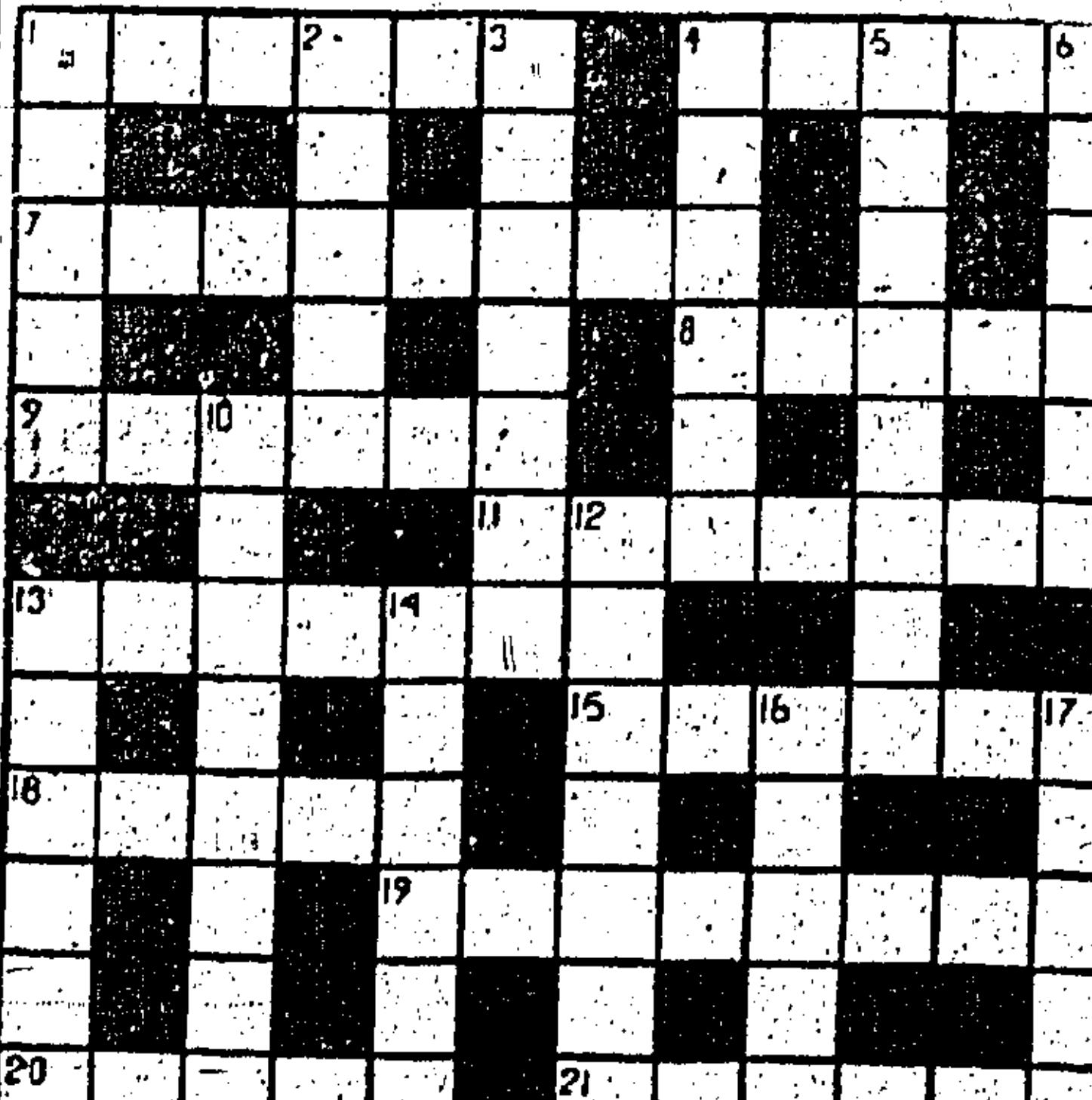
In his formal remarks, the Ambassador made no mention of the recent elections but expressed the desire of the Polish Government for best relations with the United States and referred to the new neighbours of Poland and to the transfer of several million persons to populate the country's new western territories.

President Truman accepted the envoy's designation as Ambassador of the "Republic of Poland."

The Waterside Workers Federation has banned night work and overtime to enforce its demands for two weeks annual holiday at 176 shillings a week.

Ship-owners offered two weeks at 121 shillings and three pence a week.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

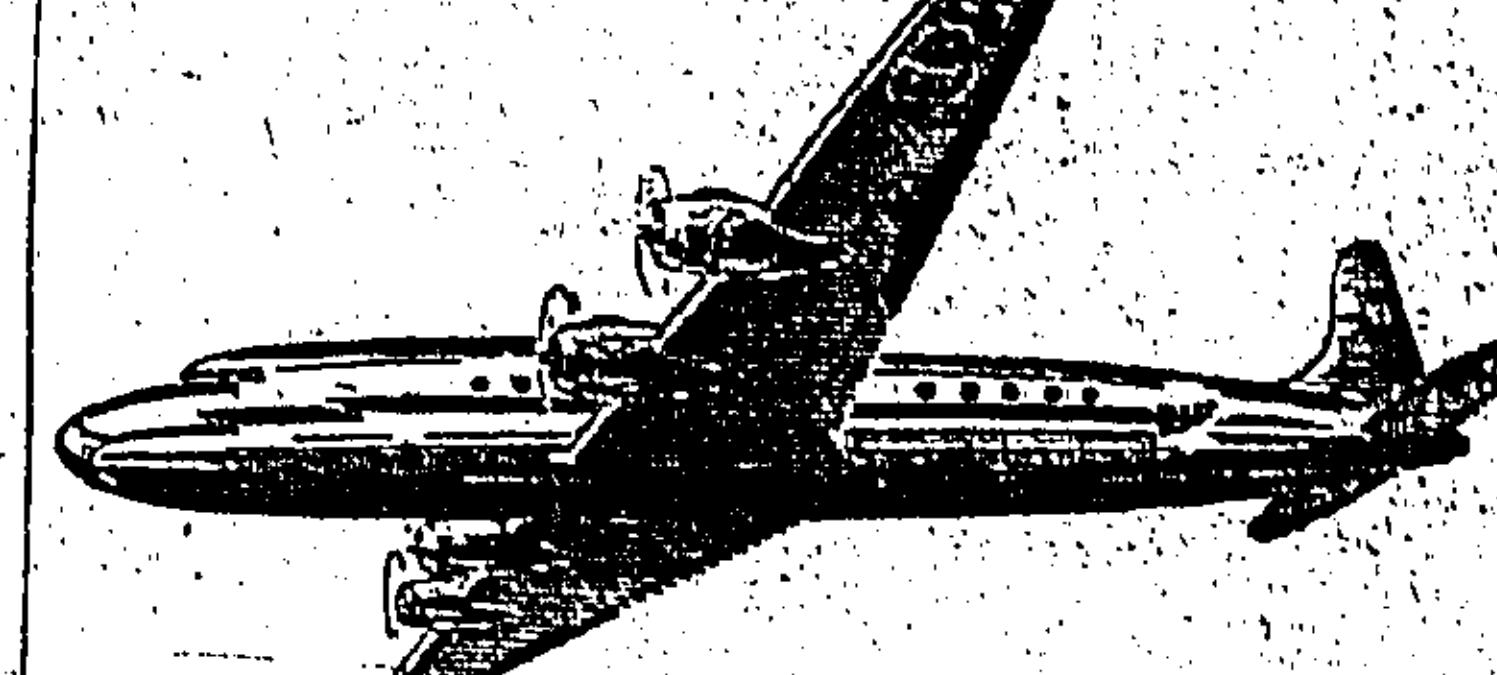
- 1. Secret.
- 2. Innkeepers.
- 3. Spoke ill of.
- 4. Famous id.
- 5. Congen.
- 6. Cooling drink.
- 7. Poor.
- 8. Club.
- 9. Wrist.
- 10. Waste.
- 11. Chain hoists.
- 12. Worm gear.
- 13. Travelling blocks.
- 14. Hoisting grabs.
- 15. Hydraulic ship & locomotive jacks.
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- 20. Hydraulic ship & locomotive jacks.
- 21. Travelling trolleys.

Yesterday's Crossword

- ACROSS:—1. Boss; 4. Barrack; 6. Flimsy; 10. Gambled; 11. Club; 12. Some; 14. Sisters; 17. Wrist; 19. Waste; 22. Faucet; 24. Ease; 26. Gorm; 27. Ozze; 28. Bulwark; 29. Agenda; 31. Travel; 33. Azure; 34. Nave; 36. Meed; 38. Repress; 40. Cover; 42. Yokes.
- DOWN:—2. Ocular; 3. Spaces; 4. Egoist; 5. Arabic; 6. Rebut; 7. Clear; 8. Swap; 13. Menu; 15. Ease; 16. Seem; 18. Storms; 20. Agenda; 21. Travel; 23. Azure; 24. Cover; 25. Yokes.

Clues Down

- 1. Imitate.
- 2. Endeavoured.
- 3. Flight.
- 4. Press together.
- 5. Chamber.
- 6. Taciturn.
- 7. Control.
- 8. Fish.
- 9. Fruit of Labour.
- 10. Menace.
- 11. Struggle.
- 12. Fish.
- 13. Fruit of Labour.
- 14. Menace.
- 15. Winds.
- 16. Elude.
- 17. Elude.
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- 19. Winds.
- 20. Menace.
- 21. Struggle.
- 22. Fish.
- 23. Fruit of Labour.
- 24. Elude.
- 25. Winds.



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SILVER PRICE CUT NOT ORDERED BY BANK OF ENGLAND

London, Feb. 4.

Yesterday's cut in the London official price of silver (as previously) was not ordered by the Bank of England. Instead, the Bank of England had intimated that henceforth it would not set the price but would allow brokers to buy silver (for essential British industries and for re-export against dollars) from the cheapest overseas source, including dollar sources. Thus there is now a definite "two-price" London market for dollar silver and sterling silver. The latter for export to Bombay was quoted yesterday at 64.5 pence as compared with the official market rate of only 44d. This great disparity is slightly wider than the discount on British securities in New York which implies that free sterling in New York is about \$2.80 against the official rate of 4.03, or a discount of 30 per cent.

Since Bombay silver significantly eased slightly today, the disparity is slightly narrowed. In other words, London's price for essential dollar silver is New York's price converted at sterling's official rate while London's price for free silver when American speculators were heavily buying British securities, blocked sterling's discount on official sterling, reached only 22 per cent but when Americans turned sellers last June, the discount widened to 35 per cent—and rallied again when Americans started investing in British Government's securities which showed them a five per cent yield.

Official Price

In spite of the handicap to British silverware exporters when their American competitors were buying their raw material much cheaper, the official price here could not be reduced until about 4,000,000 ounces of silver bought in New York three months ago at about 89 cents was exhausted.

Most of it now has been used and special facilities have been granted to enable the holders of the remainder of this dollar

silver to sell it without loss to themselves.

The "News Chronicle" City Editor comments that silver is no longer a monetary metal and the price fall has not the same significance as, say, 20 years ago when many currencies were still tied to silver. But even as a commodity, silver's price is significant. It was the collapse of silver prices which heralded the fall of world prices in 1929—Reun-

New York Exchanges

SAILINGS

CABINET AND PALESTINE

Jewish Leaders In London Meeting Hourly Events Moving Towards Crisis

London, Feb. 5. Jewish Agency leaders in London were meeting hourly today as the Palestine situation approached a new crisis. They were expecting at any moment to be summoned to see the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech-Jones for a last talk before the British Government announced its policy, following last night's final breakdown of formal negotiations with the Arabs.

A Cabinet meeting, at which Mr. Bevin's policy will be approved, is expected to be held tomorrow. It is not yet known whether it will be followed by a statement in Parliament or whether the decision will first be announced to the Arabs in another—and perhaps the final—session of the Palestine Conference.

The Arabs, meanwhile, have sent word on the Holy Land because of the explosive nature of the situation there.

British reports suggest that while the wind is blowing strongly in favour of partition within the Cabinet, the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, still persists in advocating a medium course.

Mr. Bevin told the parliament yesterday night that up to then, the Government had not made up its mind and had neither accepted, nor rejected, outright, the partition of Palestine.

It was indicated that Mr. Bevin was still considering a compromise plan with some elements of the Morrison scheme, giving, however, wider measures of autonomy to certain districts with Jewish districts having a greater say in immigration matters.

Whitehall sources believe that whatever the decision, the British Government will put the final scheme before the United Nations. Meanwhile British reports suggest the Government is preparing a White Paper, which will be issued in case the Jewish Agency fail to accept the British ultimatum calling for co-operation in the fight against the terrorists. The White Paper might negate the Agency's authority, the reports added.

"The Arabs are ready to liquidate terrorism—and we know how to do it," Dr. Jamali declared. "Zionism cannot scare us and we should not be so lenient as the British. It would be the duty of all Arab states to combine to this end."

Plenty Of Room

If Zionism gives up its political aspirations and becomes cultural and spiritual Zionism, there is plenty of room for Jews and Arabs to live together."

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Whitehall sources believe the Cabinet decision will outline the course of immediate action by the British Government, together with a reaffirmation of policy calling for eventual independence of Palestine.

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Conference Ends

London, Feb. 5. At the Palestine Conference yesterday afternoon the Arab delegations definitely rejected any form of partition.

The conference adjourned to an indefinite date.

After a session lasting nearly three hours the following joint British-Arab communiqué was issued:

"When the Palestine Conference resumed its sessions this afternoon, Faris Bey El Khouri, leader of the Syrian delegation, read a long statement reiterating the views of the Arab delegations stating that after long and careful consideration it was their conviction that the scheme they had put forward was the most just and practicable one and that no other scheme could guarantee justice of Palestine."

"We are interested in continuing discussions with these American trade groups," the spokesman for all citizens of Palestine. In view of the points they had raised, the Arab delegates felt they could not enter into any discussion of a scheme of partition or of any scheme which might lead to it. Nor could they consider the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine."

"Dr. Jamali, in the name of the Arab League Council, made it clear beyond doubt that the Council at its last session decided that state members of the League rejected partition and any scheme that might lead to it unambiguously and unreservedly."

"The various Arab delegates dealt at length with points that had been raised and there was a general exchange of views with the United Kingdom delegation."

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, took note of the determination of the Arab delegations to refuse any form of partition or any form of continuous immigration, and said that he would further study the matter and report to the conference."

No indication was given at the conference of what the Government's policy will be.

Political circles in London assume that it will involve partition, either imposed immediately, as the Colonial Secretary is said to desire, or effected later through mediation of the United Nations, as is believed to be Mr. Bevin's preference.

The Jewish Agency are known to be prepared to accept partition on certain terms. This was made clear during the weekend when the negotiators addressed various meetings of the annual conference of the British Zionist Federation. Reuter.

"Ghost Club" To Meet

London, Feb. 4. Hypnotists, fire-eaters and would-be performers of the Indian rope trick from all parts of Britain are planning the revival of "The Ghost Club" of Great Britain and the monthly dinners which were features of pre-war psychical research. Associated Press.

The first meeting of the Club since 1936—the 500th in all—will be held in London early in March.

The Club was founded in 1883 so that those interested in psychical research could relate their experiences. Past members included Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes.

Members of the Club address each other as "brother" or "sister" ghost, and all are pledged to secrecy regarding meeting places and happenings at the meetings. Reuter.

Making A Mystery

Washington, Feb. 5. Representative Thomas Republican of New Jersey, Chairman of the House Committee on American Activities, mysteriously withheld identification of "important witnesses" scheduled to appear before the committee starting today.

The only one known was Gerhard Eisler, who was arrested yesterday in New York and who has been depicted before the committee as the Kremlin's top agent in the United States.

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Indian Troops In Burma

Rangoon, Feb. 4. There is no likelihood of an early withdrawal of Indian troops from Burma, Mr. W. R. Bickford, Secretary of the Defense and External Affairs Department of the Government of Burma, told Reuter today.

It is pointed out that the United Kingdom has completed similar negotiations with leading civil aviation countries in Europe, and North and South America, all of whom operate their own national civil aviation network.

The Missionaries include Mr. Charles North of the Ministry of Civil Aviation, and Mr. A.G.R. Moss, Director of the Air Services Department of the Hong Kong Government.

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He made this statement when questioned regarding the reported agreement between Pandit Nehru and U. Aung San, Deputy Chairman of the Burma Executive Council, during their meeting in Delhi.

Mr. Bickford said: "I do not know what agreements have been concluded. But personally I feel that the immediate or early withdrawal of Indian troops from Burma is not a practical proposition. The forces in Burma are dependent upon the Service Corps of the Indian Army, for instance the Medical and Engineering Corps."

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ENGLAND BATTING BREAKS DOWN

Toshack Brings About Collapse

(By Norman Preston, Reuters Special Correspondent)

Adelaide, Feb. 5. After beginning their second innings so well, England broke down today after lunch against the slow-bowling of Toshack and Johnson and the final stages found them with 274 runs for eight wickets fighting hard to avoid defeat in this fourth Test.

When the last day's play commences tomorrow, England with only two wickets left will face Australia with a lead of 247.

England's troubles began when Edrich, having played a perfect cricket before lunch resumed in a reckless mood and fell to Toshack. Then Hammond, trying to sweep Toshack to fine leg was possibly unlucky to hit the ball straight into Lindwall's hands.

From that point, Compton alone seemed able to deal with the Australian bowlers. When the eighth wicket fell at 45 minutes before the day's close, Compton made it his business to keep the bowling as far as possible to himself and to his credit, he succeeded.

He declined to take many singles and his partner Evans in this period of ten overs was as well shielded that he dealt with only eighteen deliveries.

Much depends on Compton tomorrow but it is not expected that England, unless rain should affect the pitch, will avoid paying the penalty for their poor circles stated today.

Scores:

ENGLAND
Second Innings

Hutton, b. Toshack 74
Washbrook, c. Tallon, b. Lindwall 29
Edrich, c. Bradman, b. Toshack 45
Hammond, c. Lindwall, b. Toshack 22
Toshack, not out 22
Hardstaff, b. Toshack 14
Itkin, b. b. b. b. b. b. 1
Yardley, c. Tallon, b. Lindwall 18
Bedser, c. Tallon, b. Miller 3
Evans, not out 0

Extras 3

Total (for 8 wickets) 274
Fall of wickets: 1-100, 2-137,
3-158, 4-188, 5-207, 6-215,
7-250 and 8-256.

Present bowling analysis:

O. M. R. W.

Lindwall 14 4 47
Miller 9 0 29
Toshack 31 5 69
Doolan 3 1 36
McCool 14 3 34

Johnson 25 3 51

Reuter.

RUGBY TEAMS

The following will play for Club "A" at Ruggers versus Land Forces at 5.15 p.m. today on Club Grounds:

Brown; Bucker; Nelson; Strange; McNay; Weller; Barclay; McFadden; Dalglish; Eggin; Cowie; Robertson; Sloss; Oliver.

Rest of Colony v. 3 Commandos

Brigade on Saturday at 4.15 p.m. on Club Grounds:

Henderson (Club); Weller (Club); Webster (R.A.F.); Smitheringale (Navy); Martin (Navy); Thompson (Navy); Dorward (R.A.F.); Colchester (Club); McWhirter (Club); Wynyard (Navy); Oliver (Police); Walsmley (R.A.F.); Wright-Nooth (Police); Taylor (Club); Graham (Club).

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12.30 p.m.—"Radio Programme Summary."

12.32 p.m.—"Serenade to the Stars."

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1.00 p.m.—"News," Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—"Music from the Piano."

1.15 p.m.—"Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan."

2.00 p.m.—"Close Down."

2.30 p.m.—"Studio: Children's Hour."

4.30 p.m.—"March: Weber and His Orchestra (Cont'd.)."

4.45 p.m.—"March: Weber and His Orchestra."

5.00 p.m.—"London Relay: Home News from Britain."

5.15 p.m.—"Studio: Haydn's 'London Relay.'

5.30 p.m.—"Piano-Variety Programme Chroma."

5.45 p.m.—"Record Review"—A Review of the latest records received by ZBW.

5.50 p.m.—"London Relay: News."

5.55 p.m.—"London Relay: 'The Jazz Society.'

6.00 p.m.—"Record Review"—Arranged and Presented by Robert Sloane.

6.30 p.m.—"London Relay: News."

6.45 p.m.—"London Relay: 'The Jazz Society.'

7.00 p.m.—"London Relay: Home News with the Don Coeckel Chef."

7.15 p.m.—"London Relay: News."

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